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Will revisit with grand jury at a later date

District Attorney chooses to nolle prosequi current criminal charges against Freddie Junior McGee Jr.

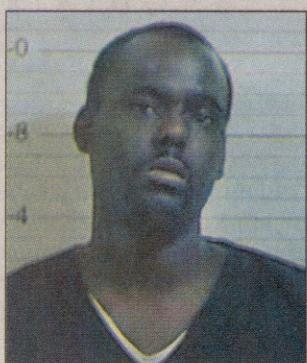
Earlier this week, 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox said he had filed motions to nolle prosequi current criminal charges against Freddie Junior McGee Jr. related to the Feb. 14, 2024 murder of Ethan Christopher Hill of Elba. Hill was 24-years-old at the time of his death.

Those charges included murder and attempt to commit a controlled substance crime.

"In an effort to maintain the integrity of the case and ongoing investigation and to spare Ethan Hill's family from having to sit through yet another hearing where the killing of their loved one is described on the witness stand, I have made the decision to nolle prosequi the current criminal charges against defendant Freddie McGee," Tarbox wrote in a release. "The effect of this decision is that a previously scheduled preliminary hearing that was set to take place this Thursday, July 18, will no longer occur."

Tarbox said McGee has had suspended sentences from multiple cases revoked in the past two months, and he would soon be transported to the Alabama Department of Corrections to serve those sentences.

"Once all items of evidence are returned from the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences where they are undergoing test-



Freddie McGee Jr.

ing, I will present the cases against defendant McGee to a grand jury for the Elba Division of Coffee County where this office will ask for indictments to be issued for murder and attempt to commit a controlled substance crime," Tarbox said.

McGee was one of three people arrested Feb. 15th of this year and charged in the murder of Ethan Hill. The shooting that led to Hill's death took place in the 1400 Block of Jones Street in Elba on the night of Feb. 14, 2024.

Also arrested in February on murder and attempt to commit a controlled substance crime related to this case were Lena Michelle McGhee and a female juvenile. McGhee remains in the Coffee County Jail on these charges. No further details are available on the juvenile suspect due to her age.

Tarbox said no further comments would be made at this time on the matter.

Elba Police get bump in pay with new pay scale

Elba Police officers received a bump in pay following action taken Monday evening, July 8, by the Elba City Council.

Following a recent plea by Police Chief Shayne Arnett, the council took a look at create a pay scale with competitive pay rates trying to help recruit more officers to work with the Elba Police Department. After discussing options during a work session prior to the July 8th council meeting, the city leaders voted unanimously to approve a new pay scale for the police department.

The new pay rates were set to be effective with the June 28th pay period, which was underway at the time of the July 8th meeting.

The new scale provided current staff with a pay raise based on number of years of experience. It also allows the police department to offer a higher starting pay rate for new officers to help make Elba more competitive with other departments.

The council also approved a 50 cents higher pay shift differential for officers that work the night shift.

Police Chief Shayne Arnett and City Clerk Sally Bane said they feel this would help Elba to not only recruit more officers to join the force, but it would go a long way in helping to retain officers as well.

The department has been operating understaffed for quite some time, and Bane said helping the depart-

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Locals look for ways to 'beat the heat' and avoid heat-related illnesses this summer

Alabama's summer climate with its extreme temperatures and high humidity can lead to heat-related illnesses and deaths if not treated. In Elba, efforts are being made to help those who work in the heat and/or do not have availability to a cool place during times of extreme heat.

Heat-related illnesses occur when the body's temperature control system is overloaded.

The City of Elba implemented special hours for employees during the summer months to help. Currently, city and water and

electric employees that work outside follow a 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. work schedule.

City clerk Sally Bane said this is done to help employees avoid working during the hottest parts of the day. The city expects to keep this scheduled in place through at least Sept. 30th.

Earlier this week, a joint effort between three Elba churches was announced also to help citizens caught in the heat.

Elba Methodist Church, First Baptist of Elba, and Westside Baptist Church are working together to create The Cooling Station, housed in the Educational Building of Elba Methodist Church in downtown Elba.

According to Elba Methodist Church member Lucia Grantham, The Cooling Station will provide a place for those either working or caught in the heat to stop by to cool off, have a bottle of water and a snack. She said The Cooling Station will be open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on days the outside temperature reaches 98 de-

grees or higher.

Organizers plan to also have signs posted in front of Elba Methodist Church on days The Cooling Station is open.

Grantham said this is for anyone needing a place to 'beat the heat' and cool off a bit.

According to officials with the Alabama Department of Public Health, these preventive measures can help to avoid heat illnesses:

- Drink more fluids, and avoid beverages containing

alcohol or caffeine

- When temperatures are extreme, stay indoors, ideally in an air-conditioned place

- Take a cool shower or bath, and reduce or eliminate strenuous activities during the hottest time of the day

- Protect yourself from the sun with a wide-brimmed hat, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and use a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher

- Never leave pets or people in a parked vehicle.

Resolutions presented to family of late Commissioner Al Britt

During the Monday, July 8, Coffee County Commission meeting, special presentations were made to the family of the late Al Britt. He was serving as Coffee County Commissioner for District Four at the time of his death following a lengthy battle against cancer.

Commissioners presented a resolution to the family honoring Britt for his years

of service as a county commissioner. Presentations also were made by State Senator Josh Carnley and Alabama Representative Rhett Marques.

All had nothing but praise for Britt and his service to the Coffee County community, and they acknowledged his would be missed.

Also, during the meeting, commissioners voted to purchase a Ford F150 truck for the environmental services department in the amount of \$58,591 from Stivers Ford. This truck will be used at the county landfill.

Coffee County extension coordinator Gavin Mauldin provided updates from his office regarding 4-H activities, which are ongoing throughout the summer. Also, Sheriff Scott Byrd said a Junior Deputy Camp was underway at the time.

The Coffee County Commission will next meet Monday, July 22, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

CCBOE members approve personnel matters

In a meeting held Thursday evening, July 11, the Coffee County Board of Education approved several personnel matters in preparation of getting staff in place prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school term.

Superintendent Kelly Cobb presented to teacher

resignations for the board to consider. The board approved the resignations of Landon Carnley, teacher at New Brockton Elementary [effective June 26th], and Claire Lambert, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary.

Also, the retirement of Kelly Flowers, a TEAMS math teacher at Kinston School, was approved for Sept. 1st.

Three teacher hires were presented by the superintendent and approved by board members for the upcoming school year. Lisha Ming was hired to teach at New Brockton Elementary, Melanie Dean was hired to teach at Kinston Elementary, and Dennis Chastang was hired as a physical education teacher at New Brockton Elementary.

Regarding support staff, the resignation of Cindy Lee, a part-time CNP worker at New Brockton High School, was approved [effective June 17th].

Also, Cobb recommended some CNP worker and bus driver hires for the new school year. Approved for employment were Johnna

Reminder:

The Elba Splash Pad is open Tuesday - Sunday each week from 10 a.m. until dusk. It is closed on Mondays for maintenance.



The Elba Chamber of Commerce host a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday morning, July 9, for Lake Realty, owned by Kaye Ellis. The realty office recently moved to a new location at 308 Buford Street in the office complex on the backside of Wildflowers and across the street from the Elba City Hall drive up window. Ellis and her staff were joined by city and chamber officials, other local business leaders, family and friends, as well as Little Miss Elba Farris Mauldin and Junior Miss Elba Taylor Day for the ceremony as Mayor Tom Maddox cut the ribbon.

Area Happenings

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, July 23, at 6 p.m., at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. The guest speaker will be Dr. Clark from Primary Eye Care of Elba. All members are asked to please attend.

Books and Bingo will be held Friday, Aug. 2, at the Elba Theatre for children K-12. Arrival time for the event is 6 p.m. and activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is donation of two books. This is sponsored by Miss Elba Alyssa McFarland through her Read to Succeed campaign.

A Campus Clean Up Day is set for Saturday, July 27, for Elba City Schools. Those interested in helping clean the campus prior to the start of the new school year are asked to meet behind the Elba High School lunchroom at 8 a.m. Please bring outdoor working tools!

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, July 9, 2024, through Monday, July 15, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, July 9 – Harassment reported at 610 Mullins Circle (9:44 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1631 Claxton Ave N (7:09 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Cedar Lane Dr (8:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on County Rd 342 (9:03 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:12 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, three verbal warnings, and two citations.

Wednesday, July 10 – Traffic accident reported at 1150 Claxton Ave N (8:01 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (9:49 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 304 Simmons St (11:20 a.m.); Harassment reported at 650 Claxton Ave N (1:13 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (3:07 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 511 Claxton Ave N (5:44 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two citations, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, July 11 – Robbery reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (5:28 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 716 Simmons St (11:47 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Claxton Ave (1:56 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1242 Jones Circle (4:58 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 737 West St (4:59 p.m.); Lost/Found property reported at 637 Claxton Ave N (5:34 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.


Friday, July 12 – Animal complaint reported at 737 West St (7:40 a.m.); Burglary reported at 722 County Rd 354 (12:11 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 318 Calhoun St (4:10 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 706 Newton St (5:40 p.m.); Smell of smoke reported at 1217 Farris Ave (9:13 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Powell Circle (10:21 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 667 Reynolds Ave (10:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (11:25 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Saturday, July 13 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 469 Claxton Ave N (1:26 a.m.); Fight reported at 829 Williams Ave (10:54 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded.

Sunday, July 14 – Traffic accident reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (6:22 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (10:10 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 469 Claxton Ave N (11:57 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded.

Monday, July 15 – Theft of property reported at 300 Simmons St (6:40 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 737 West St – w/impound (7:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported

at 6108 County Rd 364 (9:33 a.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 720 Reese Ave (9:53 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (12:31 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 829 Williams St – w/impound (1:05 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 1223 Ann St (5:09 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (8:20 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 804 Hwy 203 (8:34 p.m.).



Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

On the day of this writing, Little Bean woke up earlier in the morning a bit on the sick side. She apparently has a little doggie tummy ache, and as you can imagine, the entire Yonder Gang is currently at her beck and call.

Cuzin Lou Lou thought it quite strange when she was awakened by Little Bean diving off the bed. Usually Bean is very patient in waiting until Lou Lou gets up to go outside to do her morning business.

When she jumped off the bed early, Lou Lou decided she must have been in dire need. So, out the went.

After returning inside, Lou Lou did a few things around the house and then found the Bean lying on the floor. She had not tried to go check on Sister or Papa or anything.

The warning signs were there, but Lou Lou still had morning brain fog. She picked Bean up and off they headed to lie back down on the bed for a bit longer. Bean quickly jumped off again, and that is when Lou Lou found the problem. Bean's tummy ache had caused her to be sick earlier.

Immediately, Lou Lou picked the little one up and began comforting her.

They went to see Sister to tell her the news, and she too began comforting Little Bean.

Lou Lou took Bean to the couch for a little snuggle time before she had to get ready for work. Bean was still on the couch when Lou Lou had to leave for work.

Knowing Bean loves to eat a boiled egg all along as a treat, Papa was in the process of taking care of that for the little one when Lou Lou left for work.

Little Bean should be better from her little tummy ache soon, but the funny thing to Lou Lou is realizing just how much that little pup has the whole gang wrapped! She will be spoiled even more for a day or two simply because she didn't feel well this morning.

And...you can bet Bean will enjoy every bit of the pampering. Lou Lou would not be surprised if the little monster 'milks it' as long as she can just to get the special treatment for everyone! She has been known to do that, and Sister and Papa fall for it every time!!

It should definitely be interesting for the next few days.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

Open Invitation to the Community for a Workday at the Outdoor Classroom on the Elba City Schools Campus:

We are thrilled to invite you to a special workday Saturday, July 27, at our newly restored Outdoor Classroom from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. This is an exciting opportunity for us to come together as a community and prepare our beautiful space for the upcoming school year.

Our focus for the day will be on enhancing the butterfly garden and the pond, making these areas not only beautiful but also educational for our gifted students. Your participation and support will be instrumental in creating an inspiring environment for our children to learn and grow.

We kindly ask that you bring any of the following garden tools you may have: Hoes, Shovels, Rakes, Weed Eaters, Pruning Shears, Pressure Washers, and any other garden tools.

Please come prepared to work and get your hands dirty! Whether you are an experienced gardener or just eager to help, your efforts will make a significant difference.

We look forward to working alongside you and making our outdoor classroom a vibrant and engaging space for our students. Thank you in advance for your support and dedication.

Warm regards,
Pam Mitchell, Gifted Specialist
Elba Elementary School

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

Three Elba churches – Elba Methodist, First Baptist, and Westside Baptist – have joined forces to offer The Cooling Station at the Elba Methodist Church Educational Building on days when the outside temperature reaches 98 degrees or higher this summer. This will be a place where anyone that needs a little break from the heat can stop by to cool off, have a bottle of water and a snack. What a great service these folks have joined together to provide! Signs are being created that will be placed in front of Elba Methodist Church on days The Cooling Station is open between the hours of 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is important that we all look after one another in extreme weather conditions, and anyone who has ever experienced a hot summer day in South Alabama knows when it is 98 degrees or hotter outside, we all need to slow down a bit and do the things necessary to avoid heat-related illnesses. These members of these churches are doing something that could be a great benefit to many. We salute you for your efforts!

The Trump Rally in Pennsylvania this past Saturday ended like no one ever expected – with gunshots and people being killed and/or injured. It was a sad day for us all. It does not matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat, it is never okay to open gunfire on people just because they have different beliefs than you. It is not okay that Donald Trump was injured. It is not okay that others in the crowd were injured. And...it most definitely was not okay that Corey Comeratore was killed. Comeratore – a son, brother, husband, and father to his family, and volunteer fire chief to his community – died protecting his family as he dove to cover them when the gunfire broke out and he was struck in the head with a bullet during the assassination attempt on former president and current presidential candidate Donald Trump. He was simply there to show his support for his candidate that day. That is something he had every right to do! The outcome of the day could have been even worse had the shooter not been killed by authorities, but it never should have happened in the first place. There is a divide in this country over politics. From where we sit, the political parties need to do a better job of bringing the citizenry together rather than further dividing it, and we all need to turn more to God to heal our nation and remove evil from it. What happened Saturday was a pure display of evil...an evil we must all pray is eliminated.

Our message on the above would have been the same too if it had been a Democratic rally instead of a Republican rally last Saturday. Which party the candidates represent matters not to us in saying the shooting never should have happened. That kind of evil is never okay!

The back-to-school tax free weekend is this upcoming weekend in Alabama. This is a great opportunity to save some money on back-to-school supplies and clothing. We have spoken with some clothing retailers here in town, and they say this weekend is a big one for them! They have been working hard recently getting their stores stocked and ready to sell to the public. When you head out this weekend to catch the tax-free weekend deals, please remember to shop local whenever possible. Our small, local businesses truly depend on us to shop with them...just as many depend on them to help when there is a fundraiser ongoing. We all must support one another for continued success!!

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Local veteran lays wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns

by Jane Treadwell,
Troy Messenger

Willie Caughlan served his country with great pride, in Vietnam, in Germany, in Korea and here at home.

He retired from the United States Army after 20 years. Much of that time, he was in air traffic control. No matter where he served, when or how, Caughlan said it was an honor.

"I love my country and wanted to have a small part in keeping it safe so that other generations could enjoy the freedoms that I have enjoyed," Caughlan said. "I was honored to serve."

It was not until many years later, that, in an unexpected way, Caughlan had the opportunity to honor the many who laid down their lives to preserve America's freedoms and way of life.

Perhaps, on a chance,

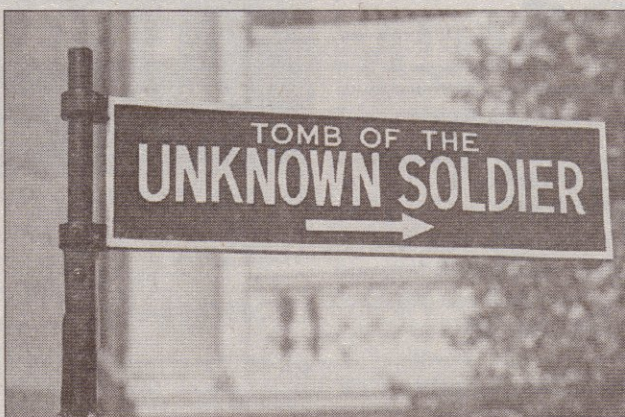
Caughlan applied for an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. But, held to the hope for what would be the experience of lifetime.

Caughlan's hope became reality.

Upon Caughlan's acceptance, his son applied and was selected to go on the Honor Flight with his dad. For both, it was an experience of a lifetime.

"There are no words to say what the Honor Flight meant to me and to have my son with me... there are just no words," Caughlan said. "The first place we visited was the World War II Memorial that honors the 16 million who served in the United States armed forces."

Caughlan said the WWII Memorial opened in 2004 when the youngest of the WWII veterans were in their late 70s.



"I wish they all could have known that their service will always be remembered," he said.

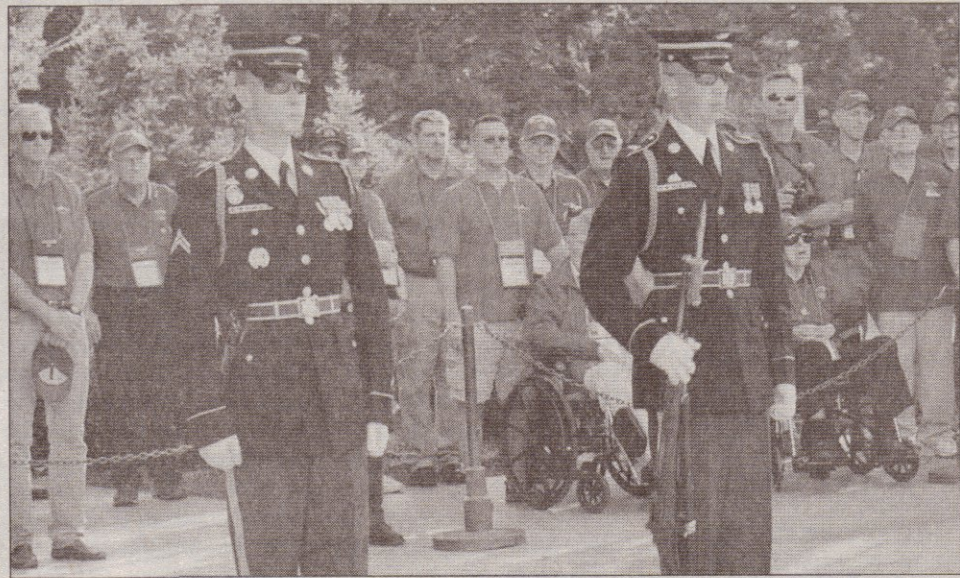
"We visited the Korean, Vietnam and Lincoln memorials. I couldn't believe I was having a chance to honor those who died and all those who served. I made rubbings of the names of two soldiers that I knew of who died in Vietnam. Being there, made me realize even more how much freedom

has cost."

For Caughlan, visiting Arlington National Cemetery to witness the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns was an unforgettable experience. Just how it happened that Caughlan was chosen for the honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, he doesn't know.

"I have never had a feeling like that," he said. "My son held my hand to comfort me. When it was time to lay the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns, I couldn't help the tears. When 'Taps' was played there were many tears."

Caughlan said there are no words to express appreciation for the Honor Flights, for the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. and to give honor to those who have died; those who served and those who were left behind. "And to honor all those who have served and preserved the many freedoms that we enjoy today. Nothing has meant more to me than that."



Governor Ivey encourages Alabama families to stock up during this weekend's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday

Governor Kay Ivey encourages Alabamians to begin preparing for the upcoming academic year by participating in Alabama's annual Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, held Friday, July 19, through Sunday, July 21.

"Alabama families, it's that time of year again! With the upcoming school year just around the corner, I encourage everyone to take full advantage of our Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday," said Governor Ivey. "This is an opportunity

to save on essential school supplies, and ensure our students are well-prepared and excited to learn."

Items available for purchase and exempt from sales tax during the weekend include pencils, paper, binders, calculators, rulers and even computers, as well as school uniforms, gym suits and other types of clothing.

Counties and municipalities may choose to join the state by removing their own local sales and use taxes from the same items during the same weekend. Locally, the following have chosen to do just that - Elba, Enterprise, New Brockton and Coffee County; Opp, Andalusia, and Covington County; Troy, Brundidge, and Pike County. The full list of those participating can be found at the Alabama Dept. of Revenue website.

Brantley receives state funds for resurfacing project

Act, overwhelmingly passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Ivey in 2019, requires the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to establish an annual program setting aside a minimum of \$10 million off the top of the state's share of new gas tax revenue for local projects.

Among the awarded projects was one in Crenshaw County for the Town of Brantley.

Governor Ivey, recognizing the critical infrastructure needs of the state, championed the Rebuild Alabama Act, which created the Annual Grant Program responsible for this allocation. The Rebuild Alabama

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Additionally, funeral homes often provide flexible payment options. You might choose to pay a lump sum, pay in installments, or even set up a dedicated funeral insurance policy. Furthermore, pre-paying can sometimes become an important part of asset protection if you need to qualify for Medicaid assistance later in life. However, it's essential to consult with a financial or legal expert to understand how this works in your specific situation.

When choosing to pre-pay for funeral services, it's crucial to consider several factors. State regulations regarding pre-paid funerals can vary, so familiarize yourself with local laws to understand your rights and the protections in place. Always opt for a funeral home with a solid reputation and proven financial stability - this ensures that your pre-paid funds are safeguarded. Additionally, discuss plan flexibility with the funeral home. Explore potential scenarios such as moving to a different area and understand what happens to your pre-paid funds in such situations.

Pre-paying for your funeral isn't about the emotional choices, it's about fiscal responsibility. You have the power to control costs and leave a truly thoughtful legacy for those you love.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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BETTY LOU STANLEY SAULS

Mrs. Betty Lou Stanley Sauls, age 76, of Elba, Ala., went to be with her Lord and Savior, on Friday, July 12, 2024, at her home in Elba, Ala., after an extended illness.



flowers, the family asks for donations to the Day Springs Hospice Foundation.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Clayton and Mattie Lena Stanley, her brother, James Thomas (Tom) Nix, and brother-in-law, Jerry Michael (Mike) Sauls.

Survivors include her husband: Lee Lamar (Bo) Sauls; sons: Stan (Lori) and Stevie (Denise) Sauls; granddaughters: Sophie Sauls, Maddie (Brady) Johnson, Alli Grace McCarthy; grandsons: Chace (Olivia) and Collin Sauls; great-granddaughters: Stevie Leland Sauls, and Kennedy Johnson; sisters: Linda (Chip) Westbrook, Kathy (Bobby) Edmondson; brother: Billy Cannon (Lorrie); sisters-in-law: Sharon Nix and Faye Sauls; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Betty was born Feb. 7, 1948, to Clayton Stanley and Mattie Lena Stanley of Elba. She met and married Lee Lamar Sauls of Elba. They were married for 57 years. She was a constant supporter of her family. Her family meant more to her than anything in the world.

Graveside memorial services will be Saturday, July 20, 2024, at New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing. Following that service a visitation with family will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon at First Baptist Church of Elba. In lieu of

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IN THE CIRCUIT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA CIVIL ACTION NO: CV-2024-900059

HENRY KAUFMAN, Plaintiff
v.
A Parcel of Land in Geneva County, Alabama Being Parcel ID: 1303080000005006; in S8-T2N-R24E; BEG NW COR NE ¼ OF NW ¼, E 1122.43'; S 109.15; E 195.97'; S'LY 100'; W 1299.81'; N 206.76' TO POB.
And any unknown parties who claim an interest to the lands.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To all persons or entities claiming any interest in the above described lands you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of June, 2024, a complaint to quiet title in rem was filed in the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama by Henry Kaufman. All persons having an interest in said lands, claiming any title thereto or any encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 1st day of August, 2024, or else at the expiration of 30 days thereafter suffer judgment by default to be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.
/s/ Ashley Powell
Circuit Clerk,
Geneva County, Alabama
Circuit Court
/s/ Joseph J. Gallo
Joseph J. Gallo (GAL022)
Attorney for Plaintiff
451 North Daleville Avenue Suite 105
Daleville, AL 36322
6/27,7/4,11&18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED
DOCKET NO. 24-773

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRENDA HAMAMURA TO PROBATE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED

To:
David Lawrence
Brenda Lawrence
Mason Oakes
Any and All Other Heirs of William Lex LawrencePlease take notice that a Petition by Brenda Hamamura for the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of William Lex Lawrence, deceased, having been filed in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that a hearing has been set for the 6th day of August, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Geneva County Probate Court located at 200 N. Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340. All persons having interest in this matter must appear at said time and place if not otherwise notified.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Benjamin S. Armstrong
200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670
Dothan, Alabama 36305
6/27,7/4,11&18-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM GARRETH MOORE, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-117TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Julia Moore as Administrator of the Estate of William Garreth Moore, deceased, on the 8th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate 7/11,18&25-pd.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
7/11,18&25-pd.

Notice of Public Sale.

An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday, July 25th 2024. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-46

UNIT A8 - SIDNEY BUTTS HHG

7/11,18-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BARBARA K. MOZO, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-116

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Barbara K. Mozo, deceased, having been granted to Scott L. Mozo, Personal Representative, on the 26th day of June, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
7/4,11,18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2024-031
IN THE MATTER OF TONI LYNN YOUNG, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to RUSSELL S. YOUNG on the 25th day of June 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.
Witness my hand this the 25th day of June 2024.
/s/ Russell S. Young
Russell S. Young
/s/ Matt Brunson
Matt Brunson Attorney for the Estate
7/4,11,18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2024-032
IN THE MATTER OF JIMMY LAVON WHITE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Angie Stanford on the 25th day of June 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.
Witness my hand this the 25th day of June 2024.
/s/ Angie Stanford
Angie Stanford - Personal Representative
/s/ Matt Brunson
Matt Brunson - Attorney for the Estate
7/4,11,18-pd.hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.
Witness my hand this the 25th day of June 2024./s/ Angie Stanford
Angie Stanford - Personal Representative
/s/ Matt Brunson
Matt Brunson - Attorney for the Estate
7/4,11,18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE VIRGINIA PENUEL, DECEASED,**JAMES HUEY PENUEL, PETITIONER.****CASE NO.: 24-757**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **Joyce Virginia Penuel**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26 day of June, 2024, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ James Huey Penuel
James Huey Penuel
Personal RepresentativeAttorney for Estate:
Jeffrey D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
7/4,11&18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IDRIS DEVONE HENDERSON, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2023-163

NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the estate of said deceased, IDRIS DEVONE HENDERSON, having been granted to CHARLES ELLZEY on the 28th day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 28th day of June, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
7/4,11,&18-pd.**The New Brockton Water Department is accepting sealed bids for remodeling 3 buildings located at 406 West McKinnon Street in New Brockton.**The remodeling of the 3 buildings will include roofing, electrical, plumbing, framing, drywall and painting. All persons submitting bids must be licensed, bonded and insured. Copies of license, bond and insurance must be submitted with bids. All bids must be received by August 9th and will be opened at our August 13th Board meeting at 5:30 PM at Town Hall, 706 E McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL. To schedule a time to look at the buildings call 334-894-5550 between 8 AM & 4:30 PM. No appointments will be scheduled between 12 PM and 2 PM.
7/18-chg.**MORE LEGAL NOTICES ON PAGE 7!**

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

What does the Bible say about...
Contentment?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; and be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

Here we see the attitude of contentment as expressed by the apostle Paul, and as we live for the Lord we can be contented with the same attitude. In the above verses we see that real contentment is linked to godliness.

When we think of all the wonderful blessings that God gives to us there is no reason for us not to be contented. God blesses us physically with blessings that make our lives on this earth possible. Greater than these are the spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3) that we enjoy in this life and look forward to the great reward in heaven. Jesus said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His

righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). Remember also what David said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

I'm sure everyone struggles to be content all the time. We may easily be deceived to think we are contented when we are not. Consider the man who had a nice piece of land beside a busy highway. He erected a sign that said, "The first contented person to claim this field can have it." As people approached him about accepting his offer, he replied that they did not qualify, because if they were content they would not want his property.

Since we must continually work at being content, let us remember that God approves contentment, and wants us to be happy and contented as we live for Him. Remember Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). So with all the blessings of God, and his gracious and wonderful promises, we can be content.

The song, "Count Your Blessings," sums up this idea very well.

Elba pastor to participate in UNITE services July 27 in Andalusia, Ala.

Elba pastor Kit Johnson will be a featured speaker Saturday, July 27, during the UNITE worship service planned in Andalusia, Ala.

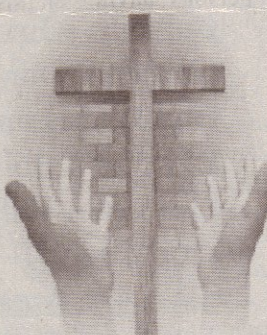
UNITE will be a night of worship, music, and message for all.

The services will be at the Dixon Center on the LBW Community College campus in Andalusia. It will begin at 6 p.m. and is free to attend.

Speakers will include John-Mark Baker, student pastor for Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise; Kit Johnson, pastor of Elba

First Baptist Church; and Slick Daniels, an Ozark, Alabama pastor. Music will be by Preval Worship.

For more information, visit the website: www.prevalworship.com.



Woodland Grove Baptist Church plans VBS 'kickoff' for this Sunday afternoon

Woodland Grove Baptist Church, located at 5107 Coffee County Road 239 in the Woodland Grove community, will host Vacation Bible School later this month.

A VBS Kickoff will be held Sunday, July 21, from

2-4 p.m. at the church. Then, VBS will be held Wednesday - Friday, July 24th-26th, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

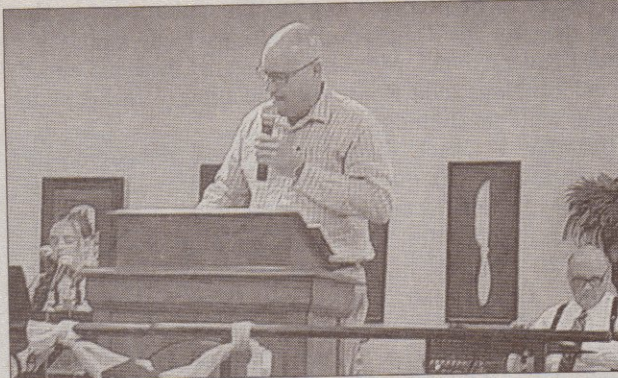
There will be classes for children through adults. Everyone is invited to participate.

New Beginning Christian Church to host revival services in August

New Beginning Christian Church, located at 8329 East Emmett, Brantley, Ala., will host Revival services Aug. 12-14 at 7 p.m. each night.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Willie White Jr., pastor of Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, Enterprise, Ala.

All are invited to attend these services.



A 3-Night Revival took place recently at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation featuring Josh Rigby and Family from Grace Fellowship Church (pictured above). Thanks to all who attended.

CCBA will host Ministry Training Institute this fall in two sessions

The Coffee County Baptist Association will host the Samford University's Ministry Training Institute (MTI) this fall.

MTI is a non-degree academic program equipping ministers and lay-leaders to live out their calling to serve Jesus Christ and His church. Online enrollment is available at <https://coffeebaptist.com/ministry-training>.

Schedule for Fall 2024
Fall A - Biblical Interpretation
Mondays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
August 19-October 7

Instruction will be given in the various tools available today for interpreting the scriptures and the critical role of the Holy Spirit. Students will learn how to interpret the scriptures regarding the languages of the Bible, the context in

which it was written and how the various genres affect interpretation. Note: This site will offer Zoom as an alternative for attending class.

Instructor: Kaleb Wimberly

Fall B - Introduction to Old Testament
Mondays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
October 21-December 9

Participants will learn more about the various genres of the Old Testament writings. Attention will be given to the Cristology of the Old Testament and the application of the books in the life of the believer.

Instructor: Kevin Lowhorn
Tuition is \$50 per course plus the cost of textbooks. For more information contact Jud Waldrop at 334-894-6411.

MTI is a CCBA ministry partnership with Samford University.

ROUND AND ABOUT
w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER
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Scripture: Psalm 40:1-2

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Beatrice Belcher, Marcus Fitch, Single Parents, Akira Hutchinson, Gwen Jones Berry, Christina Wood, Lauren Rogers, New Glorious Church Family

July Birthdays

Terry Culver 7/19
Beverly Daniels Hamilton 7/19
Flora Marson 7/19
Rell Smith 7/20
Kiki Oliver 7/21
Melvin Cross 7/21
Ben Rayborn 7/21
Tim Andrews 7/22
Kim Davis 7/22
Min. Randy Miller 7/22
Gavin Respress 7/23

Mulberry Missionary Baptist Sunday School & BTU Congress will be Saturday, July 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at 2585 Old Curtis Rd. [Hwy 84 W], Elba, Ala. Theme: Restore unto me the Joy of thy Salvation - Psalm 51:12. Deacon Willie C. Tillis, president; Dr. W.L. Peterson, moderator.

Correct Sequence

In August 2014, a white policeman fatally shot a black man in Ferguson, Missouri after a complicated chain of events. The result was a two-week wave of unrest. More unrest resulted in November when a grand jury declined to indict the officer.

Whether or not the grand jury's decision was proper in this particular incident, the U.S. Department of Justice subsequently determined the practice of the Ferguson Police Department violated the law and undermined community trust, especially among African Americans. This incident and its aftermath served to focus public attention yet again on

issues of justice and reconciliation. While some are quick to call for racial reconciliation, others say that justice must come first. How those two concepts interrelate can be complicated when they concern human-to-human relations! Part of the problem involves defining the terms of justice and reconciliation to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Regarding our relationship with God, everything is quite straightforward: justice has already been served in the fact that the penalty for sin has been paid by Christ on the cross. This is the basis for our reconciliation with the one we once treated as an enemy - GOD. - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 7/18/24

Multiple Choice

Q: Name the prophet who predicted a time of 'great death throughout all the world' (Peter, John, Agabus)

A: Agabus [Acts 11:28]

Q: Who left Paul and Barnabas when they arrived at Parga? (Judas, John Mark, Luke)

A: John Mark [Acts 13:13]

Thought to Remember

Wisdom is the principal thing therefore get wisdom, but in all the getting get an understanding.

Questions for the Week of 7/25/24

Q: Name the Pharisee who addressed the Jewish council concerning the Apostles.

Q: What two men did Gamaliel mention in his speech?

Q: Who traveled to Samaria to preach Christ?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHELEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal"... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy James, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Branch, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Allen Dieas, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st, 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
James Preachers, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:0

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I joined my youngest grandson and his Nanny at swimming lessons one day last week, and while the lesson only lasted fifteen-minutes, it was fun to see him float on his back, roll over and swim to the side of the pool at age two. Pool safety is always important, especially when there is a pool in the backyard, and before long I hope both my grandsons will be able to swim and be safe when they hit the water.

For what it is worth....

*** This week we are taking a look at the roster of head football coaches in neighboring regions and there are many oddities in all three regions.

In Class 1A, Region 2, Red Level's Kenny Sipper is the 'old man' on the block as he enters his eighth year with the Tigers, but ranks only fourth in total wins with 18, while Elba's Marc Sieving is fourth on the tenure list, but ranks second in wins as he has piled up 40 victories in just four years with the Tigers. Brantley's Coach Roland Jones ranks second in years of service as he enters his seventh year and first in wins with 61.

In Class 2A, Region 3, there are only two coaches that have been at their current schools for more than two years, Calhoun's Ervin Starr and Goshen's Don Moore. Starr will be heading into his seventh year with the Tigers despite leading his teams to only five wins during his tenure as head coach, while Moore will be in his fourth season with the Eagles and has led his teams to a 16-16 record and one state playoff berth.

In Class 4A, Region 2, there is only one coach that will be back at his school for a third straight season – Mark Hurt, entering his third year at Pike County, with a 12-9-1 record during his stay with the Bulldogs. In an interesting note, two coaches that have combined for more than 400 wins and six state titles will be leading their teams for the first time in Opp's Ed Rigby and Daleville's Maurice Freeman. Rigby will be in his twenty-third year as a head coach and owns 148 wins and state titles in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi, while Freeman has logged 257 wins and three state titles in Georgia in his 31 years on the sidelines.

Another note of local interest is the fact that one former Elba Tiger head coach and four former Elba assistants will be head coaches this season in the local area. Ed Rigby is of course the former head coach who is now at Opp, while Rudy Free is at Kinston, Kevin Bond is at Pleasant Home, William Moguel is at Pike Liberal Arts and Bobby Hudson is at Luverne. Scott Rials, another former Elba head coach that led the Tigers to a state title and a perfect 15-0 season, is the head coach at Calera, while there are many others that are assistant coaches, both in the area and cross the state.

*** The annual 'Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame' banquet is coming up soon and while there are a number of area names on the list of inductees since the Hall of Fame was begun back in 1992, there are a couple of names missing that in my opinion would make the honored list even more prestigious. The first name that comes to my mind is Johnny Dunn. Dunn coached at a number or area schools during his tenure in education, moved into administration and is still active playing softball, a sport he helped make widely successful all across the state. If anyone represents the Wiregrass as a sportsman it has to be Johnny Dunn! Other names that come to mind, and these are just a few, include David Collins, Mike Lindsey, Karl Bledsoe, Chuck Person, Ronnie Cottrell, Roland Jones Sr, and Rick Rainer. In case you haven't kept up with the inductees, or didn't even know about the foundation, some names already inn that you may recognize include Mack Wood, Marlin Dyess, Leon Davis, Leavy Boutwell, Ronald McKinnon, Hank Kennedy, Merrill Shirley, David Lowery, Creigh Purnell, Bryant Steele, Charles Cole, Amelia Rhoades, Doyle Kinsaul, Arlin Davis, Pete Kelley, Janie Wiggins, Randy Griffin and Cindy Hawthorne. There is a website that includes a form for making nominations, and I hope you will go the site and maybe take the time to write down the name of someone that is deserving, but has perhaps been overlooked. The Hall of Fame is only as prestigious as its members.

*** In closing.... It is bad enough that we all have a cable bill that approaches \$200 a month, but soon that won't even be enough if we want to watch the NBA, NFL or even college football! Last week the NBA signed a new media deal worth \$7 billion dollars a year with ESPN, ABC, NBC and Amazon Prime, and while the NBA officials bragged that fans will now get to watch games seven nights a week, that will be true only if you are on cable or have the ability to stream games over some other service. What makes the new deal even worse is the fact the NFL gets over \$10 billion a year for its broadcast rights, and that TNT has already bought the rights to some early-round NCAA football playoff games. Before long all we may be able to afford is to watch game highlights the day after games are played.

Lots of new faces on sidelines

New head coaches ready to lead area football teams

With the 2024 high school football season only weeks away, players and coaches across the state are hard at work in preparation for what they all hope will be the kick off of a championship season.

In the area, seven new head coaches will be walking the sidelines this season, including two in Class 1A, Region 2; two in Class 3A, Region 3; and, three in Class 4A, Region 2.

Following is a look at the head coaches in all schools in the three regions:

Class 1A, Area 2

Red Level's Kenny Sipper is the 'Dean of Coaches' in the region as he prepares to enter his eighth year as the head man for the Tigers, followed closely by Brantley's Coach Roland Jones with seven years as the head coach of the Bulldogs, and Rudy Free, heading in to his sixth season with the Bulldogs.

Brantley – Coach Roland Jones will return for his seventh season with the Bulldogs and as the head man for the 'Dogs has led his teams to a combined record of 61-16 and three region titles. Jones has been a head coach for a total of 10 years and has a career record of 83-30.

Elba – Coach Marc Sieving will be entering his fifth season as the head coach for the Tigers and has led his teams to a record of 40-8, with three region championships in four years at the helm.

Floralá – At press time no head coach had been named to replace Jordan Cantrell.

Georgiana – Coach Berry Bess will be entering his fourth season with the Panthers and in three years has led his teams to an overall record of 17 wins and 16 losses, with three straight trips to the playoffs.

Kinston – Coach Rudy Free is heading into year number six as the head coach for the Bulldogs and in five seasons has led the 'Dogs to an overall record of 19-32 and one playoff appearance.

McKenzie – Coach Brian Bradford will be entering his second season as the head coach for the Tigers and in year one led his team to a 5-5 record. His career record as a head coach is 48-57.

Pleasant Home – Coach Kevin Bond will take over the reins for the Eagles as a head coach for the first time after stops at Elba and Kinston as an assistant coach.

Red Level – Coach Kenny Sipper will be entering his eighth year as the head coach for the Tigers and in his previous seven seasons has led his teams to an overall record of 18-50, with no playoff appearances.

Class 2A, Region 3

This region is filled with head coaches with less than four years of experience at their respective schools, led by Calhoun's Ervin Starr, who is back to lead the Tigers for the seventh year, and Goshen's Don Moore, preparing for his fourth year as the head man for the Eagles.

Barbour County – Coach Derrick Levett will be entering his second season as the Jaguars head coach and led his team to a 1-9 record a year ago. His career record as a head coach is 6-23.

Calhoun – Coach Ervin Starr will be in his seventh season at the helm of the Tigers and during his six-year stay his teams have posted an overall record of 5-56, with three wins last season.

Goshen – Coach Don Moore will be in his fourth season as the head coach of the Eagles and in his first three years at the helm his teams have posted a record of 16-16, with one trip to the post-season. His career record as a head coach is 31-33.

Highland Home – Coach Justin Bragg will be in his first season as head coach for the Flying Squadron and will inherit a program that has posted a total of 30 wins over the last three years.

Luverne – Coach Bobby Hudson, an Elba native, will take over the reins of the Tigers and will be the head coach for the first time in his long career on the sidelines, inheriting a program that has posted nine straight winning seasons.

Pike Liberal Arts – Coach William Moguel will be entering his second season as the head man for the Patriots and in his first season led his team to a 3-6 record against teams from three states as the Pats closed out two years on probation before entering the AHSAA.

Zion Chapel – Coach Cody Keene will be back for his third season as the head coach for the Rebels and in his first two years as the field general led his teams to a combined record of 8-12.

Class 4A, Region 2

While this region has only one head coach with more than two years at his respective school in Pike County's Mark Hurt, it does include first-year head coaches at their schools with years of experience and state championships in Daleville's Maurice Fleming (31 years – three state titles)) and Opp's Ed Rigby (23 years – three state titles).

Ashford – Coach David Stapleton will be back for his second season as the head coach with the Yellow Jackets and in year one led his team to a 4-6 record.

Dale County – Coach Evan Ballard will be entering his second season as the head coach for the Warriors and in year one led his team to a 3-7 record.

Daleville – Coach Maurice Freeman will be in his first season as the head coach for the Warhawks and in 31 years as a head coach in Georgia led his teams to 257-120 record and three state titles.

Geneva – Coach Jamel Harris will be back for his second season as the Panthers head coach and in his first season at the helm led his team to a 3-7 record.

New Brockton – Coach Jason Barnett will be returning for his second season as the head coach for the Gamecocks and in year one led his team to a 3-7 record. His career head coaching record stands at 23-38.



Elba Tiger head football coach Marc Sieving will be entering his fifth season in Elba.

•••••	2024	•••••
•	HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES	•
•	Class 1A, Region 2	•
•	Brantley – Roland Jones	•
•	Elba – Marc Sieving	•
•	Floralá – Vacant	•
•	Georgiana – Berry Bess,	•
•	Kinston – Rudy Free	•
•	McKenzie – Brian Bradford	•
•	Pleasant Home – Kevin Bond	•
•	Red Level – Kenny Sipper	•
•	Class 2A, Region 3	•
•	Barbour County – Derrick Levett	•
•	Calhoun – Ervin Starr	•
•	Goshen – Don Moore	•
•	Highland Home – Justin Bragg	•
•	Luverne – Bobby Hudson	•
•	Pike Lib – William Moguel	•
•	Zion Chapel – Cody Keene	•
•	Class 4A, Area 2	•
•	Ashford – David Stapleton	•
•	Dale County – Evan Ballard	•
•	Daleville – Maurice Fleming	•
•	Geneva – Jamel Harris	•
•	New Brockton – Jason Barnett	•
•	Opp – Ed Rigby	•
•	Pike County – Mark Hurt	•
•	Straughn – Garrett Windham	•
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Opp – Coach Ed Rigby will take over this season as the new head coach for the Bobcats after one-year stops at Pike Road and Luverne, and in 23 years on the sidelines has led his teams to 9 an overall record of 148-110 and state titles in three states.

Pike County – Coach Mark Hurt will be back for his third season as the head coach of the Bulldogs and in two years at his alma mater led his teams to a 12-9 record and one trip to the playoffs. In 15 years as a head coach, Coach Hurt owns a career record of 63-88.

Straughn – Coach Garrett Windham will return to Straughn this season as the new head coach and the former Tiger standout inherits a team that won the region title a year ago.

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IN THE PHOTO TO THE RIGHT...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a special called meeting Thursday, July 11, to raise Brother Johnny Ray Davis to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Those present included (front, l to r) Mike Amison, Matt Brunson, Daniel Stephens, Bridge Harrison, Billy Cohill, Johnny Ray Davis, JD Davis, Billy Wilkerson, Tim Marler, Drexell Richards, Larry Shaw, and Seth Hanchey; (middle, l to r) TJ Gideon, Bill Wright, Matt Henderson Jr, Coley Address, Ron Rawls, Larry, Selena, and Alan Chrenshaw; and (back, l to r) Tommy Morrow, Eddie Kelley, and Alan Brackin.

Zoar Cemetery Association annual meeting set for Saturday, July 27th

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988. The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 27, in the Morrow Hall building, located on County Rd. 331, at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is needed. All with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery are encouraged to attend the annual meeting.



LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 4)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Mortgagors, Maurice P. Pujol, Jr. and Brenda J. Pujol executed on or about the **30th day of October 2013**; said mortgage recorded in **OR Book 835, Page 466-472**, all in in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and the Collateral Assignment of Membership Interest, dated December, 2008; the undersigned as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage; will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Geneva County, Alabama, on **Monday, July 29, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit: One (1) lot twenty-five (25) feet front on West side of Commerce Street and running back one hundred and sixty (160) feet, and bounded on North by C.D. Chapman's lot and on South by D.H. Morris' Estate lot; in the Town of Geneva, Alabama, and known as the Reynolds property.

ALSO, two (2) feet off North side of Reynolds Lot of land facing West side of Commerce Street - more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the North corner of said land where it corners with D. H. Morris, Jr. and W. O. Mulkey lot, thence running West 160 feet, thence South two (2) feet; thence East 160 feet; thence North two (2) feet to point of beginning. Located in the Town of Geneva.

ALSO, all right, title, interest, rights, and benefits by virtue of that party wall agreement which was recorded on April 9, 1928, and recorded in Deed Book 1-2, page 49, records of the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed, or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to the Statutory Right of Redemption pursuant to Alabama Code Section 6-5-248 and/or Act 2015-79. The Mortgagee or his attorney in fact reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Jeffery D. Hatcher at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

Jeffery D. Hatcher Attorney for CCB Community Bank P. O. Box 189 Geneva, Alabama 36340 (334) 684-8524 7/4,11,18-chg.

BID #407 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SEALED BID SALE

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College will hold a sealed bid sale of used and surplus equipment. Items for sale may be inspected at the Andalusia campus on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, and Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Bid forms will be available at the inspection site. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Andalusia Business Office no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, July 29, 2024. No bids will be accepted after 4:00 PM on Monday, July 29, 2024. Items to be sold include: chairs, desks, tables, bookcases, filing cabinets, media carts, various electronics, speakers and amplifiers, laboratory equipment and supplies, and other assorted items. 7/11&18-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JEAN T. STRICKLAND, Deceased.

CASE NO. 24-787

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Kimberly Dawn Hobbs on the 15th day of July 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Kimberly Dawn Hobbs
Kimberly Dawn Hobbs
Personal Representative
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Lucile Adrian Capshaw, Deceased
Case No. 24-781

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to JoAnn Capshaw Spencer, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made under the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage dated the 25th day of November, 2022, executed by Juan Antonio Alvarez Flores and Osmara Santana Maya to William Nathan Mathis, a married man, which said mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1176, Page 40, recorded Novem-

ber 28th, 2022, and said default continuing, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given, that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva Alabama, during the legal, sale hours on the 12th day of August, 2024, the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL I: One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated October 19, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at a ½" rebar found marking the intersection of the West line of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the South Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence leaving said Section line N61°40'03"E for a distance of 1036.35 feet to an iron pin set (1/2") rebar, cap #CA 1143) on the above mentioned South R/W line and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said R/W line, N58°43'20"E for a distance of 197.52 feet to and existing ½" rebar (cap #CA 1143); thence leaving said R/W line, S00°30'45"W for a distance of 845.91 feet to an existing ½" rebar (cap #CA 1143); thence N79°06'45"W for a distance of 170.68 feet to an iron pin set (1/2") rebar, cap #CA 1143); thence N00°30'45"E for a distance of 711.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 3.00 acres, more or less.

PARCEL II: One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated September 22, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at a ½" rebar found marking the intersection of the West line of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the South Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence leaving said Section line N61°40'03"E for a distance of 1233.65 feet to an iron pin set (1/2") rebar, cap #CA 1143) on the above mentioned South R/W line and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along said R/W line, N58°43'20"E for a distance of 279.78 feet to and existing ½" rebar (cap #CA 1143); thence leaving said R/W line, S00°30'45"W for a distance of 986.61 feet to an existing ½" rebar (cap #CA 1143); thence N88°54'07"W for a distance of 237.90 feet to an iron pin set (1/2") rebar, cap #CA 1143); thence N00°30'45"E for a distance of 845.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 5.00 acres, more or less.

Said property will be sold "AS IS." Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. No representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the title of said property. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including

taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of recorded superior to the Mortgage first set above.

The debt secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Mortgage. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied, first to the expenses of advertising and conducting said sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, for legal services as provided in such mortgage; second, to the payment of any debt other than the note above described which may then be due or owing to the Mortgagee, with interest to the date of sale; third, to the payment of the above described note with the interest thereon to the date of sale; forth, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the Mortgagor.

/s/ Alfred J. Danner
Alfred J. Danner, Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
7/18,25&8/1-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELIZABETH ANN RILEY, DECEASED.
CASE NO. 24-780

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Letters of Administration of the said deceased having been granted to Victoria Riley, on the 15th day of July 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Victoria Riley
Victoria Riley, Administrator

Prim & Mendheim, LLC
/s/ R. Cliff Mendheim
R. Cliff Mendheim, Attorney for Administrator
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD SCOT BRANDON, DECEASED
CASE NO.: 2024-777

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of July,

2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Winnie Legette
Administrator of the Estate of Edward Scot Brandon
c/o M. Hampton Baxley
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IN THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GLENDA FAYE TINDELL, Deceased.
CASE NO: 24-778

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Jennie Lynn Rich, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jennie Lynn Rich
Personal Representative
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Clark Crates, Sr. Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-071

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Sadie Pettus, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 15th day of July, 2024.
/s/ Jodee Thompson
Jodee Thompson,
Probate Judge
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of Ann C. Gentry, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-092

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ann C. Gentry, deceased, having been granted to Richard Cade Gentry, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 15th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Frank Allen Britt, Jr., Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-115

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Frank Allen Britt, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Amanda Britt Harris, Personal Representative, on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN EDWARD SMITH, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2024-123

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, John Edward Smith, having been granted to Mary Smith on the 15th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 15th day of July, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES RICKEY HATAWAY, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2024-025

NOTICE OF HEARING To: Gregory Mark Hataway, Randy Strickland, and Terry Strickland

You are hereby given notice that a petition to probate a certain instrument, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of JAMES RICKEY HATAWAY, has been filed by Lejune Davis. The 20th day of August, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

Stats show Elba Public Library is a busy place

Any type of water bottle being used by students at school must be made of clear plastic. Clear plastic means no color, of any type, and see-through. This begins on the first day of school. Same policy as last school year, according to school officials. No Stanley cups and other such brands.

The library offered 24

Another program offered

In May, there were 4,660 hits on The Elba Clipper materials at Archive.org, and June saw an even larger number of views with 6,766 hits. The Elba High School Yearbook link received 87 hits in May and 1,453 hits in June while the Zion Chapel Yearbook link saw 255 hits in May and 576 hits in June.

On Thursday, July 18, the library will host its Awards Day for the Summer Reading Program. This will be held at the Elba Splash Pad at 2 p.m.

Located on the Courthouse Square

* Select items up to 30% off. Discount taken before tax and delivery. Excludes Everyday Deals. While supplies last. Offers valid July 16 - 29, 2024. ¹ See badcock.com/financing or see a sales associate for details. Badcock financing is subject to credit approval. Minimum monthly payments required. ² Prequalifying to check your options does not impact your credit score. Once prequalified, an application is required to proceed that is subject to credit approval and will impact your credit score.

ESCC to hold CDL Open House and Career Fair


"There's a need for qualified drivers in the trucking industry," ESCC's Director of Workforce Development Leigh Shiver said. "Our program is here to not only connect individuals with great careers, but also provide such an important industry — not just locally

For individuals with their CDL or those who are working toward their CDL, several companies will be available during the Open House & Career Fair to provide information about career opportunities. Companies attending the event include Schneider Industries, Sysco, McElroy Truck Lines Inc., Wiley Sanders Truck Lines Inc., Benny Whitehead Inc., Johnston Trucking LLC, Mark Dunning Industries (MDI), Pepsi Bottling Group, B3 Enterprises LLC and Kevin Goodyear Towing.

Qualified drivers with their CDL could potentially earn up to \$50,000 a year with short-term training. ESCC's program features fast-track and traditional training tracks that meet both student and workforce needs.

To learn more about the CDL program, visit escs.edu/cdl

Sunday Morning: Drawing of Three Names to Win All School Supplies!!



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